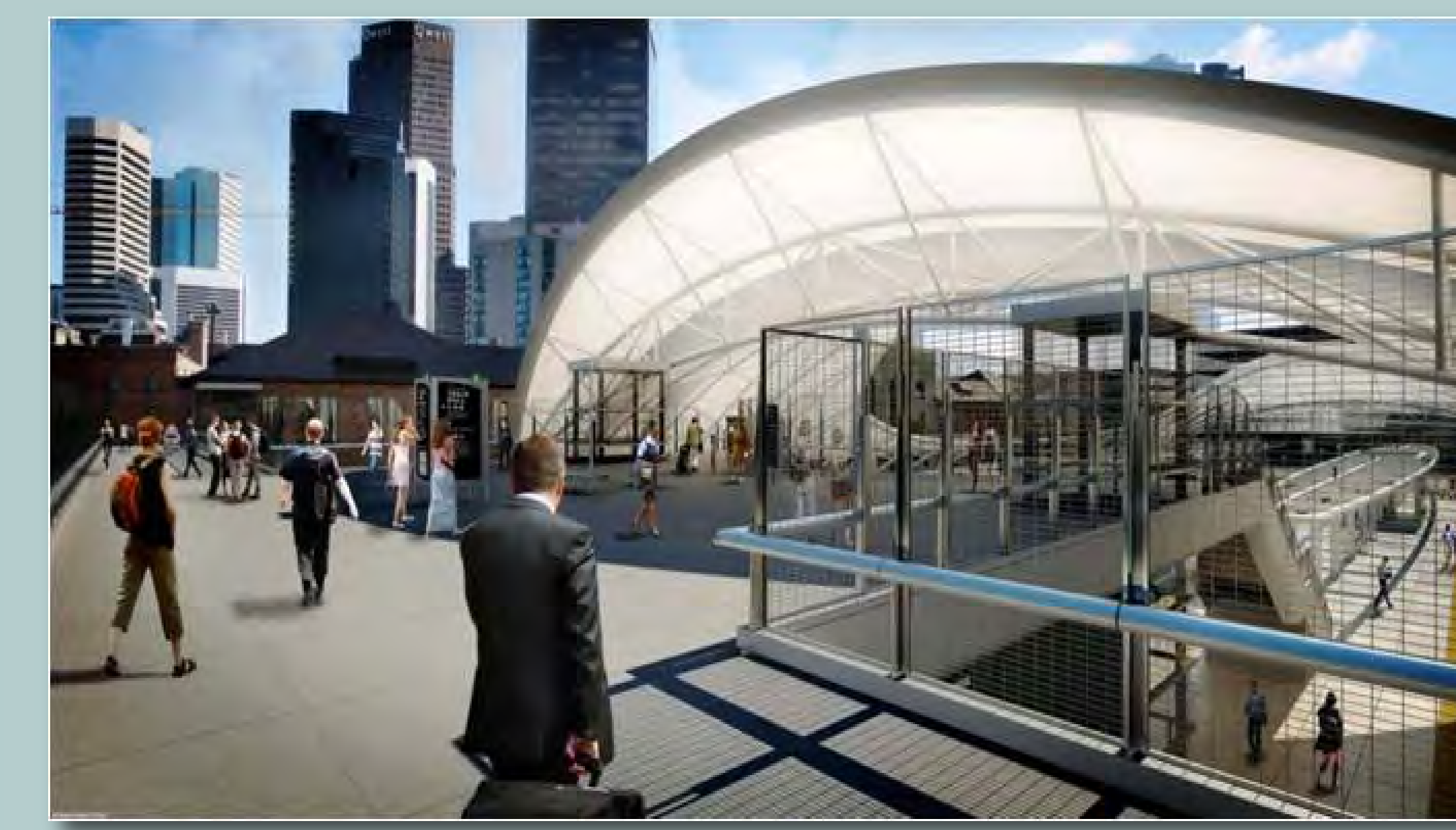


# PROMOTING BUSINESS PRODUCTIVITY

Business productivity can be increased through gains in travel efficiency – allowing people to work and travel at the same time. Additionally, expanding distances that people can travel in a two- to three-hour trip enables expanded labor markets and support of business development in downtown locations as well as other office centers.



Alternate transportation options provide daily costs savings in terms of travel time, fuel costs, and business productivity: the USDOT values a savings of one hour in long distance intercity travel at \$38 per hour in current dollars.

# SUPPORTING STRATEGIC INDUSTRY CLUSTERS

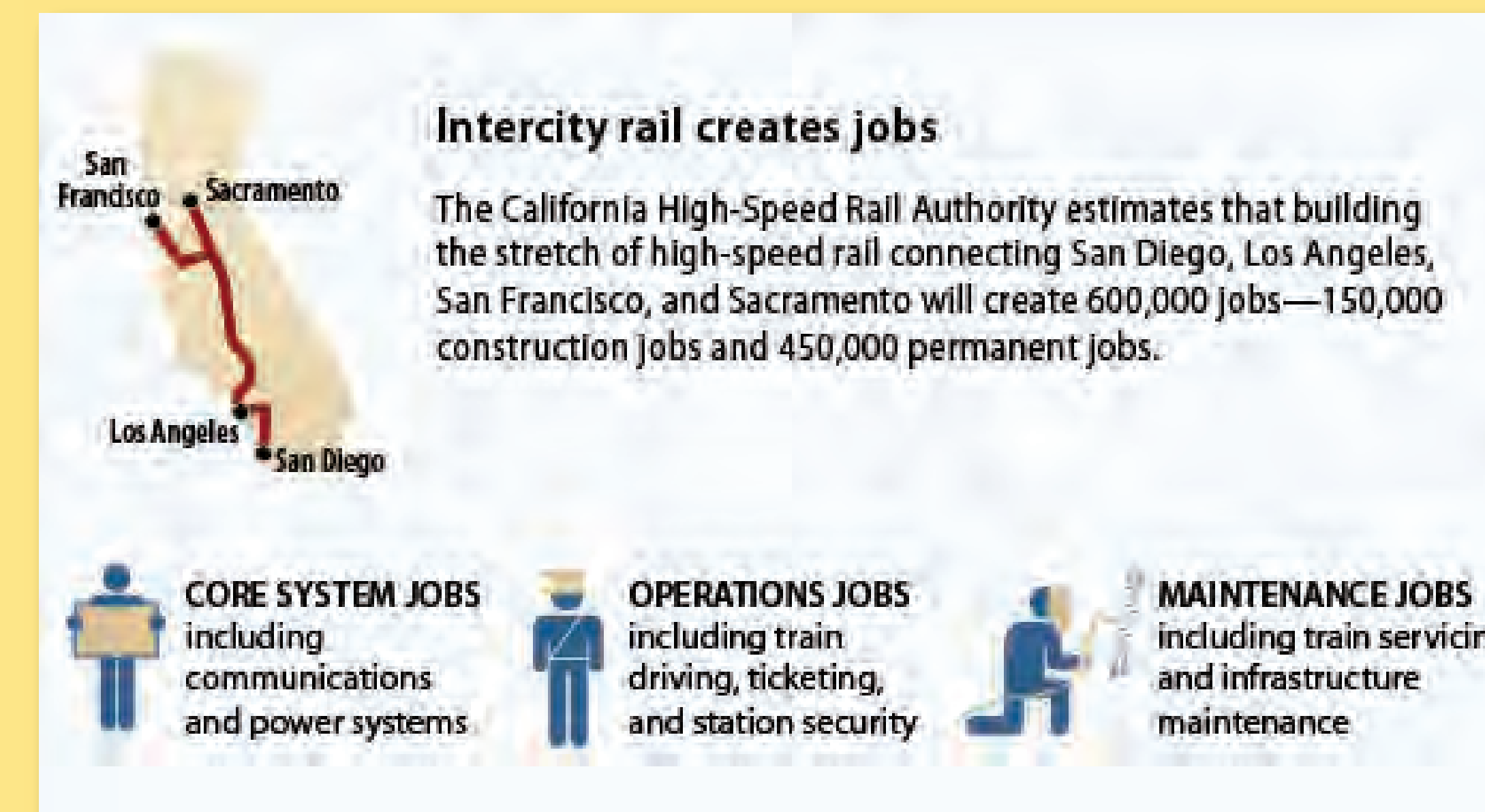
Intercity rail provides the opportunity to support the development of industry clusters by enhanced day-trip links between centers of education, finance, and technology. It also improves access to labor markets, allowing the consolidation of higher-end business, financial, and cultural/tourism services.



In Florida, intercity rail connections allow concentrations of medical research, pharmaceutical, and healthcare sectors to benefit from stronger travel connections between the major cities.

# CREATING NEW JOBS

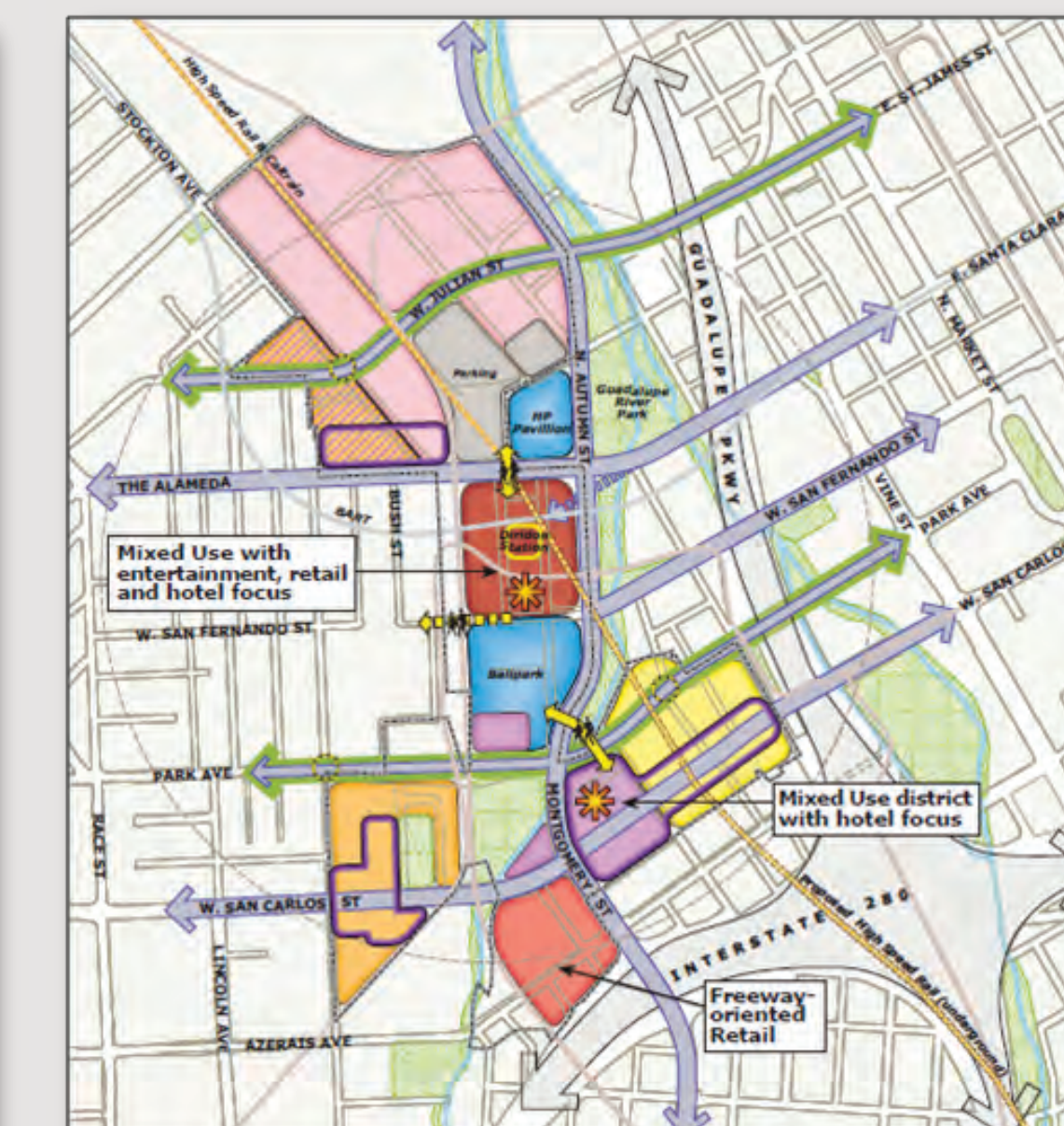
Construction and operation of rail service promotes job growth, as well as increases wages, business sales, and value-added opportunities. For every \$1 billion invested in rail infrastructure, approximately 42,000 jobs are created.



An economic impact analysis of the Midwest Regional Rail System identified that in Milwaukee, enhanced passenger rail service could generate up to 3,075 permanent jobs, \$56 million in annual household income, and \$227 million in increased property values around the downtown station.

# DRIVING HIGHER DENSITIES AT RAIL STATIONS

Higher-density, mixed use development at rail stations and moderate density development within station influence areas helps to develop and maintain broad-based, long-term economic growth.



Chicago's Union Station redevelopment plans calls for the addition of an 18-story tower over the station. Development adjacent to an intercity rail station in Albany, NY will create a mixed-use office, residential, and hotel development. Both will bring in thousands of new jobs to the station area.

# PROVIDING TRANSPORTATION COST SAVINGS

Transportation costs savings (particularly those for commuting and other regular trips) allow more flexibility for investment in housing and discretionary spending in the local economy.



The average American driver may spend over 450 hours each year – equal to nearly 11 workweeks – behind the wheel.

Americans living in transit intensive metropolitan areas save \$22 billion per year in transportation related expenses.

# ECONOMIC VITALITY

Intercity passenger rail drives the local economy by...